



IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AS 6/

APPLICANTS: John Stephen Cart

TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition

DOCKET NO.: 15564-1

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 et seq.

Applicant, through his attorney, submits the following information which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

Based on materials distributed by the company Ecofluids, based in Houston Texas, granular thermoset rubber was tested and/or used as a lost circulation material at least as early as 1986. The date of first public use is not known.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 § C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

This information is based upon information supplied by the inventor and information in the attorney's file.



John D. Lauve

Registration No. 46,408

Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, L.L.P.

P.O. Box 3513

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

(225) 382-3454

Dated: July 16, 2001